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**SUBJECT:** Center Wireless Policy

The NASA Chief Information Officer has issued Agency guidelines on how to secure wireless technology being used by NASA personnel. This guidance is in the form of NASA Information Technology Guidance (NITG) 2810-1, dated September 15, 2003.

NITG 2810-1 provides direction to ensure that the integrity, availability, and confidentiality of wireless network access points are safeguarded. The use of wireless networking provides wide capability to access the wired network through mobile computing devices. However, with the added benefits of wireless networking also comes additional risk. If implemented without the appropriate security measures, a wireless network can easily be exploited and used as a conduit for unauthorized network access, misuse, and abuse. Those responsible for the installation and operation of a wireless network must be aware of the inherent risks that exist in a wireless environment and its impact on the Center's Information Technology security posture.

These guidelines apply to all wireless data communication devices that provide an access point to any Wired Local Area Network that uses an IP address assigned to Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC).

NITG-2810-1 applies to all Center facilities, employees, contractors, (as provided by law or contract), recipients of NASA grants, and visitors, where appropriate, in achieving GSFC missions, programs, projects, and institutional requirements. GSFC includes the Wallops Flight Facility, Goddard Institute for Space Studies, Independent Validation & Verification Facility, White Sands Space Complex, and the National Scientific Balloon Facility.

Compliance with this guidance will help to ensure the privacy of wireless transmission and the security of the Center networks. NITG-2810-1 can be found at <http://eitsb.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/nasa-agency-dir.stm>.

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